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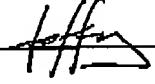
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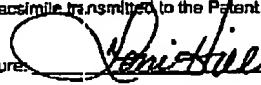
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Application Number	09/843,560-Conf. #9436	Filed April 28, 2001
For TUBULAR JOINT WEAR INDICATOR		
Art Unit 3729	Examiner A. Tugbang	
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.		
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